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Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
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C/007/006
incoming AM02A

Re: Water Monitoring Requirement Changes, Plateau Mining Corporation, Star Point Mine, C/007/006, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Haddock:

Plateau Mining Corporation (PMC) is submitting a permit change to reduce its water monitoring requirements based on its evaluation of the hydrologic data accumulated over the period of premining, mining, and postmining.

As authorized under the Utah Coal Rules, the Division may modify the monitoring requirements including the parameters covered and the sampling frequency if the operator demonstrates, using the monitoring data obtained under R645-301-731.214 and R645-301-731-224 that: the operator has minimized disturbance to the prevailing hydrologic balance in the permit and adjacent areas and prevented material damage to the hydrologic balance outside the permit area; and water quantity and quality are suitable to support approved postmining land uses.

The data presented as Exhibit 728h demonstrates that the operator has satisfied the aforementioned regulations whereby continued ground water and surface water monitoring is no longer necessary to achieve the purposes set forth in the monitoring plan approved under R645-301-731.211 and R645-301-731.221.

PMC would greatly appreciate the Division's timely review of this permit change, so that an approved monitoring program can be in place by June 2002. If the Division has any questions or needs additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (435) 472-4741.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. Pappas'.

Johnny Pappas
Sr. Environmental Engineer

Enclosures

File: Star Point Mine - Water Monitoring Amendment
Chrono: JP020103.ltr

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT PROCESSING

Permit Change ☒New Permit ☐Renewal ☐Transfer ☐Exploration ☐Bond Release ☐

Permit Number: C/007/006

Title of Proposal: Water Monitoring Requirement Change

Mine: STAR POINT MINES

Permittee: PLATEAU MINING CORP.

Description, include reason for application and timing required to implement:

Instructions: If you answer yes to any of the first 8 questions (gray), submit the application to the Salt Lake Office. Otherwise, you may submit it to your reclamation specialist.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 1. Change in the size of the Permit Area? _____ acres Disturbed Area? _____ acres <input type="checkbox"/> increase <input type="checkbox"/> decrease. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 2. Is the application submitted as a result of a Division Order? DO # _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 3. Does application include operations outside a previously identified Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Area? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 4. Does application include operations in hydrologic basins other than as currently approved? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 5. Does application result from cancellation, reduction or increase of insurance or reclamation bond? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 6. Does the application require or include public notice/publication? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 7. Does the application require or include ownership, control, right-of-entry, or compliance information? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 8. Is proposed activity within 100 feet of a public road or cemetery or 300 feet of an occupied dwelling? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 9. Is the application submitted as a result of a Violation? NOV # _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 10. Is the application submitted as a result of other laws or regulations or policies? Explain: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 11. Does the application affect the surface landowner or change the post mining land use? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 12. Does the application require or include underground design or mine sequence and timing? (Modification of R2P2?) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 13. Does the application require or include collection and reporting of any baseline information? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 14. Could the application have any effect on wildlife or vegetation outside the current disturbed area? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 15. Does application require or include soil removal, storage or placement? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 16. Does the application require or include vegetation monitoring, removal or revegetation activities? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 17. Does the application require or include construction, modification, or removal of surface facilities? |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | 18. Does the application require or include water monitoring, sediment or drainage control measures? |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | 19. Does the application require or include certified designs, maps, or calculations? |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | 20. Does the application require or include subsidence control or monitoring? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 21. Have reclamation costs for bonding been provided for? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 22. Does application involve a perennial stream, a stream buffer zone or discharges to a stream? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 23. Does the application affect permits issued by other agencies or permits issued to other entities? |

Attach 3 complete copies of the application.

I hereby certify that I am a responsible official of the applicant and that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my information and belief in all respects with the laws of Utah in reference to commitments, undertakings, and obligations, herein. (R645-301-123)

John Pappas Sr. Env. Engineer - Jan 15, 2002
 Signed: Name - Position - Date

Received by Oil, Gas & Mining

Signed and sworn to before me this 15th day of Jan, 2002.

Wilma L. Howa
 Notary Public

My Commission Expires: Sept 05, 2004
 Attest: STATE OF Utah
 COUNTY OF Carbon



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 My Commission Expires
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ASSIGNED TRACKING NUMBER

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DESCRIPTION OF MAP, TEXT, OR MATERIALS TO BE CHANGED

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Any other specific or special instructions required for insertion of this proposal into the Mining and Reclamation Plan?

* Denotes page inclusion due to double-sided nature of permit document. No revisions were done on these pages.